

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

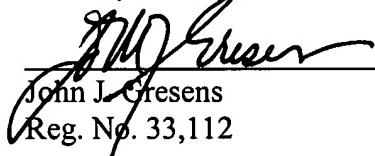
By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants amended the claims as presented in the English translation of the International Application PCT/EP2004/012874, enclosed herewith. The claims have been amended to comply with the formal requirements of U.S. practice eliminating secondary concentration ranges, multiple dependencies, and providing correct recitations.

Favorable consideration of all claims is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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